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► The Edmonton Oilers' Ryan Smyth and New Jersey Devils' Zach Parise watch the puck during the second period Wednesday night in Edmonton.

Devils' OT win extends Oilers' slump

Zach Parise scored 1:06 into overtime as the New Jersey Devils won their third game in four outings with a 2-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Wednesday. The Oilers are falling deeper out of contention with four straight defeats and losses in 11 of their last 13 games. Story, page 23.

Third teen arrested in boy's death

► Youth is accused in Hobbema shooting last July of boy, 5, who was struck by stray bullet

A third youth accused in the shooting death of a five-year-old boy on a central Alberta reserve is in custody.

RCMP say they made the arrest with the help of Edmonton's police tactical unit at an apartment in the city's northwest Tuesday night.

The youth is one of three charged in the manslaughter of Ethan Yellowbird from Samson Cree First Nation in Hobbema last July.

The boy was sleeping in his bed when a bullet fired from outside his bedroom wall struck him in the head.

The other two teens had already been picked up by police and appeared in court Tuesday.

Police say the accused were 13, 16 and 17 at the time of the shoot-

Chief's hope

Chief Marvin Yellowbird, who had adopted Ethan as his spiritual grandchild, has said he hopes band members will keep talking with police so more arrests are made in unsolved crimes.

ing and are all from the Hobbema area.

The crime-troubled reserve is one of four in the Hobbema area. The First Nation has struggled with gang violence for years.

Last week, Samson Cree members voted in favour of giving their leaders the authority to evict suspected troublemakers. Ethan's shooting was cited as one of the reasons the referendum was held.

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Slew of charges laid in alleged sex assaults, extortions

Police have charged a 34-year-old man for allegedly luring women from Internet dating websites and then sexually and physically assaulting them, as well as extorting money.

Seven alleged victims have come forward from Spruce Grove, Fort Saskatchewan, Sherwood Park, Grande Prairie and Calgary, but police say there may be more.

"He was fairly active on the Internet. He had profiles on a few sites," said Spruce Grove RCMP Cpl. Colette Zazulak.

Police believe the accused, who is from Newfoundland but had been in Alberta since 2004, is responsible for the extortion of more than \$300,000 from women he became intimate with.

He is also alleged to have killed at least two pets in his crimes.

Zazulak urged any other potential victims to go to police.

Shannon Bradford Dixon faces 43 charges, including bestiality, extortion, aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, assault with a weapon, uttering threats, causing unnecessary suffering to an animal and breach of conditions.

He appeared in Stony Plain court Wednesday after being brought over from Ontario.

He is in custody and back in court Jan. 25.

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► Spencer Sekyer gets a little love from five of the seven dogs he helped bring from Kabul, who will soon be going to new homes.

Fur-ever digs found for Afghan pups

- Every canine spoken for after offers pour in for abandoned dogs
- Adoptions begin this weekend, following home visits, reference checks

The Sherwood Park teacher who gave seven Afghan canines a new leash on life, in the process fetching much dogging for himself, has no regrets.

"The important thing to me is they all go to good homes," said Spencer Sekyer, who brought the dogs from Kabul with the help of NOWZAD, a small non-profit shelter.

After word spread about the pooches needing homes, enough offers came in to find them owners "12 times over," he said.

But his efforts did not come without backlash. Some animal groups were critical because they felt a person should consider adopting at home before turning abroad.

"When people are calling you 'disgusting' it's a little hard to handle," said Sekyer.

The first dog has already gone to his sister, while his wife's parents will take the litter's mom — who lost her ears at some point in the war-torn country, but none of her spirit.

With a little help

- PetSmart donated about \$500 in tags, leashes and high-quality food to the pups' cause.
- A local trainer from Canadian Canine Training coiffed the mutts' wild manes for

free last week and has offered to give the sweet-but-untamed canines puppy classes.

- A woman who works for Air Canada helped fly the pups and their mother part of their nearly 19,000-kilometre journey for free.

A janitor and a student from his school are also eyeing one each.

The experience has had its challenges, from his naysayers to the hounds destroying his hockey gear

and jumping on — and then off — his garage roof. And that was just Wednesday. Nonetheless, Sekyer said he'd make the same choice again.

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Man faces child-porn charges

Police have arrested a man who works at the Cold Lake Air Force Base on child-pornography charges allegedly involving a female relative.

RCMP arrested a man in Swift Current, Sask.,

on Jan. 5 after a Cold Lake resident reported allegedly receiving pornographic images.

An adult male made his first court appearance on Monday in Edmonton, facing charges of sexual assault, invitation to sexual touching, sexual interference, distribution of child pornography, and possession of child pornography.

He returns to Cold Lake court Jan. 25.

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Mason pushes petition on electricity

Alberta's NDP Opposition Leader Brian Mason wants to make electricity generation an issue in an upcoming election campaign, and he's using all forms of so-

cial media to get the word out. An online petition opposing deregulation is now circulating, and Facebook and Twitter likewise are delivering the message that Albertans aren't happy with our deregulated energy market.

"Consumers are riding a power-rate roller-coaster month to month. ... Albertans want off this ride," said Mason.

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Fee 'a money grab,' official says

► \$40 charge for students who pay tuition per semester

Students at the University of Alberta are upset to find they're on the hook for a \$40 instalment fee just for not paying their tuition off in the fall.

Rory Tighe, U of A Students' Union president and fifth-year student, said he was shocked he'd been charged the fee in October for years — along with two-thirds of students — without knowing.

"It's a blatant money grab. It's completely unfair," said Tighe.

When he brought it up with the vice-president of finance and administration, Phyllis Clark, he was told by letter the fee was partly based on interest that could be earned if students paid the year's costs in fall.

"I understand the university's reasons in a tight budget. The fee is almost \$1 million in revenue," said

Revenue

- Instalment fees added \$840,000 in revenue to the U of A's operating revenues in 2010-11 and the charge is expected to bring \$910,000 in 2011-12.
- U of A students lobbied the education minister to have a cap put on non-instructional fees, but were recently told it's between them and the university. The two sides will face off in a board meeting in February.

Tighe, adding his "goal is to bring it to everybody's attention."

He said the charge sits especially poorly because the university's students already pay the highest non-instructional fees in the country.

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► A \$40 charge for paying tuition in instalments has some U of A students feeling shortchanged.

Students connect to Haiti

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When a powerful earthquake devastated much of Haiti two years ago today, Canadians responded generously with financial and humanitarian aid.

Almost two years later, students from across Canada gathered by video conference with young people in Haiti to hear stories of how Canadian aid is helping to rebuild the nation.

"The people of Haiti aren't a TV show you can turn on and off. It's easy to forget that what we see is real," said Terry Godwaldt of the Centre for Global Education.

"A video conference is important to link our youth with the hope and vision happening in Haiti."

About 200 Edmonton students gathered with 27 groups around the world, including seven interactive schools from across Canada. Students shared art, music and questions online during the one-hour conference, including one from a local Grade 9 student who asked what



► Terry Godwaldt, teacher at Queen Elizabeth School, hosts a video conference between Canadian students and Haitian earthquake victims.

the Haitians are still struggling with.

"I'm inspired by this, and I want to feel part of the greater community," said 15-year-old Jared Friesen, who was told about job creation and access to schools as ongoing challenges in the Caribbean nation.

"Whether through their art or CIDA's (Canadian International Development Agency) work with Haitians, students see that it's a bright future," added Godwaldt.

Deadly quake

- More than 250,000 were killed by the magnitude-seven earthquake.
- Haiti is the poorest country in the Americas, with the highest levels of poverty, illiteracy, and deaths of mothers and children.
- Most Haitians live on less than \$1 day and many don't have access to clean water.

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Motorbike assassins strike

► They kill top Iranian nuclear expert with a magnetic bomb

It seemed a clockwork killing.

Motorcycle riders flashed by and attached a magnetic bomb onto a car carrying a top nuclear scientist working at Iran's main uranium-enrichment facility.

By the time the blast tore apart the silver Peugeot, the motorcycle was blocks away, weaving through Tehran traffic.

Behind it, the nuclear scientist lay dead and his driver dying. A pedestrian was wounded.

It was the latest strike in what Iran calls an escalating covert war — at least the fourth targeted hit against a member of Iran's nuclear brain trust in two years.



► Magnetic-bomb aftermath: A car is removed by mobile crane in Tehran on Wednesday in this photo provided by Iran's semi-official Fars News Agency.

Wednesday's blast killed Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan, 32, a chemistry expert and a director of the Natanz uranium-enrichment facility, the centrepiece of Iran's expanding program to make nuclear fuel.

"A heinous act," said Iran's Atomic Energy Organization.

But it warned defiantly: "We will continue our (nuclear) path without any doubt. ... Our path is irreversible."

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U.S. denial

► The U.S. said it had nothing to do with the killing.
► "I want to categorically deny any United States involvement in any kind of act of violence inside Iran,"

said Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Clinton has condemned Iran for enriching uranium at an underground bunker to a level that can be upgraded quickly for use in a nuclear weapon.

Israel hints at 'many bad things' in Iran

Whodunnit? Iran pointed the finger at Israel for the bomb assassination.

Israeli officials, however, hinted at covert campaigns without directly admitting involvement.

"Many bad things have been happening to Iran in the recent period," said Mickey Segal, a former director of the Israeli military's Iranian intelligence department. "Iran is in a situation where pressure on it is mounting, and the latest assassination joins the pressure."

Israeli military chief Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz was quoted as telling a parliamentary panel that 2012 would be a "critical year" for Iran — in part because of "things that happen to it unnaturally."

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► Space awash in planets: Scientists

The cosmos is a crowded and crazy place as three new studies demonstrate a solar real-estate boom

The more astronomers look for other worlds, the more they find.

They think planets easily outnumber stars in our galaxy and they are finding them in the strangest of places.

One of those studies shows that in our Milky Way, most stars have plan-

ets. And since there are a lot of stars in our galaxy — about 100 billion — that means a lot of planets.

"We're finding an exciting potpourri of things we didn't even think could exist," said Lisa Kaltenegger, a Harvard University astronomer. Those things include planets that mirror Star Wars' Luke Skywalker's home planet, which orbited twin stars, she said.

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Incoming! Space probe is falling, but where?

A falling space probe is keeping Russia — and the world — guessing.

Russian space officials hope the Phobos-Ground probe will fall into the Indian Ocean between Saturday and Monday.

But they have no guarantee of the crash site — although a large part of Canada, Scandinavia and most of Russia's territory

appear to be spared.

Phobos-Ground had been carrying 12 tonnes of highly toxic fuel.

Experts warned that if the fuel has frozen, it could survive re-entry through the atmosphere and pose a threat if it falls over populated areas.

But space officials insist all the fuel will burn on re-entry some 100 kilometres above ground and pose no danger.

They also said a tiny quantity of Cobalt-57, a radioactive metal in one of the craft's instruments, will not pose the threat of radioactive contamination.

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Dutch man pleads guilty

Jordan van der Sloot, who is also a suspect in the disappearance of American Natalee Holloway, has admitted to killing a Peruvian woman in 2010.

Cancer care leads to killing

► Family friction over care for Ohio cancer patient culminates in murder-suicide ► Three people shot before man turns gun on himself

A man repeatedly shot his adult son and two sisters-in-law in his living room, killing them in front of his terminally ill wife, then fatally shot himself on the front porch as family tension about the cancer-stricken woman's care apparently boiled over, authorities said.

An earlier dispute about whether the woman should have been fed tea

and toast or the orange her husband had peeled for her apparently set off the shooter, 63-year-old Paul Gilkey.

The Logan man spared his wife and allowed his grown stepson to leave unharmed Monday, Hocking County Sheriff Lanny North said Tuesday. The stepson drove away from the property, a house on a wooded hillside in rural

southeastern Ohio, to seek a cellphone signal and call for help.

"He let me leave because I have kids," the stepson, Ralph Sowers III, says in the recorded 911 call.

The sick woman, 59-year-old Darlene Gilkey, witnessed the shootings from a hospital bed in her living room, but wasn't hurt, the sheriff said. The

family friction escalated into violence in the evening when Paul Gilkey went to a bedroom, retrieved a semiautomatic handgun and began threatening relatives, North said.

The ill woman's two sisters were then shot in the head and chest, while Paul Gilkey's 38-year-old son was killed with three close shots to the head.

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Genocide accused's removal on hold?

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► UN to investigate claims that he will be tortured in Rwanda

After nearly two decades in Canada, a man accused of helping to incite the Rwandan genocide may have been granted one more reprieve that would delay deportation back to his homeland.

Leon Mugesera had been ordered to be deported early Wednesday when a Federal Court ruled against his last-ditch effort to stay in Canada, his home for the last 19 years.

But a pair of other developments, later in the day, complicated matters.

Mugesera's lawyer announced the United Nations Committee Against Torture has ordered Canada to keep him here while it investigates his claims he'd

"Our fair legal system has determined that he is here illegally, he's guilty of serious war crimes, and that he has to face justice in his country of origin."

JASON KENNEY,
IMMIGRATION MINISTER

be tortured in Rwanda.

Meanwhile, Mugesera was brought to hospital to be treated for an unspecified health issue. Television images showed him being carried out of his Quebec City home, laid out on a stretcher.

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► Leon Mugesera

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'Groomzilla' on a mission

► Divorced man's case against photo studio became a punchline in legal blogosphere and tabloids

It may come across as an extreme case of nuptial nostalgia: A now-divorced man saying a photography studio should pay to recreate his wedding to make up for what he considers flawed pictures and video.

But after being branded a "groomzilla," Todd Remis said Tuesday his now-notorious lawsuit is about holding a business to a pledge, not holding onto a broken

marriage.

"It was their failure to deliver after a promise and a handshake" agreement to retouch the photos, Remis said in a statement. "How could a business treat a customer this way?"

It was his first public response to a flurry of acidic commentary on the case in recent months.

While suits over wedding photographs aren't

unusual, what set Remis' case apart is his mention of wanting to reconstitute the ceremony and celebration of a bygone union.

He said during sworn questioning last summer that he and Milena Grzibovska began divorce proceedings in 2008. The split was final in 2010, and he said he believed his ex-wife had moved back to Latvia.

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► Todd Remis with his then-bride Milena Grzibovska in 2003.

Online. Movement



► This photo provided by Canturi Jewels shows a custom-designed Barbie wearing a necklace featuring a one-carat pink diamond.

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Call for bald Barbie

There's an online movement to get Barbie to attempt what could be her biggest feat yet: Going bald to fight cancer. A Facebook page titled Beautiful and Bald Barbie! Let's See If We Can Get It Made, was started a few days before Christmas. By Wednesday afternoon, the page had more than 15,000 fans. The goal is to get toy maker Mattel Inc. to create a bald Barbie in support of children with cancer.

Big fight over teensy frog and weensy fish

A frog that can perch on the tip of your pinky with room to spare has been claimed as the world's smallest vertebrate, out-tinying a fish that got the title in 2006.

However, a scientist who found another weensy fish disputes both claims.

An article Wednesday in the journal PLoS One named Paedophryne amauensis as the world's

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► P. amauensis

smallest animal with a spine. But a University of Washington scientist says a male anglerfish he found in 2006 is even smaller.

Louisiana State University scientist Christopher Austin, who found the frogs, says he was comparing average species size — and the 1.8-inch (4.57-centimetre) female anglerfish is comparatively huge.

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Skyscrapers portend recession?

A skyscraper building boom in China and India may be a sign of an impending economic correction, according to Barclays Capital. Barclays has mapped an "unhealthy correlation" between construction of the

tallest buildings and impending financial crises. The Great Depression hit as record-breaking 40 Wall Street, the Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building were finished in New York. China is home to half of the world's skyscrapers currently under construction. India is seeing its first skyscraper building boom, with 14 under construction. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Iberia cancels 104 flights due to strike

Spanish airline Iberia says it has cancelled 104 flights during a one-day strike by pilots protesting the company's planned new budget carrier.

The company said it has rescheduled flights for most of the estimated 10,000 passengers on long-haul, medium-haul and domestic flights affected by Wednesday's strike.

The stoppage is the fourth one-day strike by pilots union SEPLA, which claims the creation of the Iberia Express budget airline will lead to job losses. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Prairies lead economic pack: Report

► Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton top board's economic forecast





Cities in Western Canada will lead in growth and prosperity over the next couple of years, according to an outlook released Wednesday by the Conference Board of Canada.

Western cities are benefitting from resource riches and attracting migrants, boding well for housing and consumer spending. Edmonton created almost 40,000 new jobs last year alone, the think-tank says.

"In spite of global economic turmoil, high prices for agricultural products, minerals and oil are likely to continue," said Mario Lefebvre, director of municipal studies for the board. "Canada's Prairie cities will reap the benefits of this global demand for commodities."

Central Canadian cities won't do nearly as well with manufacturing continuing to struggle amid the global slowdown, and government cutbacks weighing on growth domestically.

Market moment

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The top cities are Saskatoon at four per cent; Calgary at 3.6 per cent; Edmonton at 3.4 per cent; Regina at 2.9 per cent; Toronto, Trois-Rivieres, Que., and Vancouver at 2.6 per cent; and Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo and Windsor, Ont., at 2.5 per cent. At the bottom is St. John's with Newfoundland and Labrador's waning offshore oil production.

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Over the years, I've grown accustomed to adoring fans complimenting my writing. "I saw your picture in the paper," they'll say. Or: "You look familiar, do you work at my Starbucks?"

With compliments like that, it's amazing my headshot doesn't swell right out of the frame.

But years of headshot viewers acknowledging my existence have left me wanting more, and now I dream of getting a book published, so I can hear compliments like, "I saw your picture on a dust cover."

"The best approach is to write characters based on people you hate — for example, you might have a villain called Jerky MacBadhusband."

I've also read a lot about how to write a book. So that I might create more competition and therefore torture myself further, here's what I've learned.

WRITING A BOOK

Choose an idea: Most coffee-shop patrons, first-year university students and other leading philosophers agree there are no new ideas. So it's OK to steal one. Ripping off one author is called an "homage." Ripping off multiple authors and mashing them together is called "finding your own voice."

Choose characters: The best approach is to write characters based on people you hate — for example, you might have a villain called Jerky MacBadhusband. To protect yourself from legal issues, make sure the character wears a hat they don't wear in real life. Then say, "The character is actually a pastiche of many people I've met in my travels."

Choose a plot: Start with a first line that grabs readers, such as, "This book is covered in anthrax spores, sucker!" If stuck for an ending, walk away for a bit. Then quit and call it "first in a series." You'll get great buzz.

Choose an agent: This person will give you added legitimacy as a writer by making you poorer.

Choose a cover: This is the step by which everyone will judge your book. I recommend you seek out glowing quotations from friends who share names with famous people. If your dentist is Milan Kundera or the kid who mows your lawn is V.S. Naipaul, you're good to go.

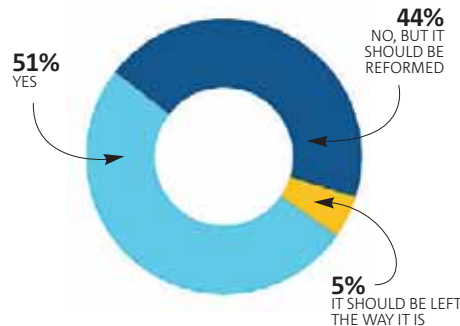
With these tips, you'll have a completed tome in no time. If it goes well, let me know. I may pay homage to it.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays



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Duke and Duchess of Cambridge say thank you

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge laugh as they receive Team Canada hockey jerseys in Yellowknife on July 5.

Clarence House, the official website for the Prince of Wales, his sons and Kate, has released the list of all the gifts the royal couple collected in their cross-Canada tour with one- or two-word descriptions. Among them

are a diamond-encrusted brooch and cufflinks.

This has incensed the British tabloids, who smell a cover-up in the website's describing the widely reported custom-made platinum baubles encrusted with nearly 700 tiny diamonds from Canadian mines as, simply, a "brooch" and "cufflinks."

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Local tweets



► @jhy371: I keep hearing dogs barking but don't see any dogs.... weird.... #yeg
Does anyone else hear dogs that aren't there? :-P #yeg
► @i_amshivy: So many crazy old ladies at #ualberta #yeg I swear lol
► @kirksaid: What's with student driver instructors? why not teach students to keep up with traffic not impede it...10-20k under is dumb.#yeg #yegtraffic
► @stevegarrioch: I'd almost forgot what it was like to pay under \$25 for a

haircut. Nice one, Caruso. #yeg
► @LucSillito: Why can't a legit montreal #poutine #restaurant be made in the #yeg area? #makesmesad
► @w_izzard: @yegtraffic Gas has gone up almost a dime in one day in #yeg this is crazy. Maybe the high cost might cause folks to slow down in #yegdt
► @Lowpan: Is it just me or does watching #hockey make you wanna drink beer? #yeg #canada
► @shaqsafa: Day off ☺☺ gotta love it when. There's no snow and real ugly weather #yeg #WeAllNeed

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Will and Kate reveal royal gifts

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Rock solid

Celebrity jeweller Harry Winston crafted this 692-diamond set of polar bear cufflinks and brooch from diamonds from the Diavik Diamond Mine in the Northwest Territories, owned 40 per cent by the Harry Winston Diamond

Corp. They were given to the royal couple during their Canadian visit.

Harry Winston donated the diamonds and the workmanship, said a spokeswoman for the Northwest Territories government.

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Shatner



William Shatner will star in a one-man show called *Shatner's World: We Just Live in It*. Previews begin Feb. 14 and it runs at the Music Box Theatre until March 4.

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Stage and screen legends Peterson, Plummer up for ACTRA acting prizes



► Now's your chance to date an actor with the Rapid Fire Theatre fundraiser on Jan. 21.

Auctioning off the actors

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BACKSTAGE PASS

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Amy Shostak, Artistic Director for Rapid Fire Theatre, was stuck. Shostak knew she needed to come up with something new and engaging in order to raise funds for the company's annual Improvaganza Festival. Not-for-profit

government grants were coming up short, and with the festival right around the corner, Shostak needed to figure out a way to cover the expenses of bringing in comedians from all over the world.

After all, for the last 12 years Improvaganza had developed quite the reputation for its level of festival entertainment.

At first, Shostak thought about auctioning off their talented actors for a date night to audience members. However, some of the wives weren't too keen on the idea.

Not to be deterred, Shostak found herself looking at the mixed bag of donations the company received to help raise funds for inspiration.

Then it hit her: package the prizes with two actors so people can go out in groups.

It takes the pressure off by making it social, gets the audience connected to the actors, and best of all raises funds for the festival.

"This way everyone can have fun and feel safe while supporting our theatre," says Shostak, who

notes her favourite package is the magic limo ride with Tad Hargrave, which she describes as "random."

One lucky winner along with 10 of their friends will be picked up by a limo and personally entertained by Hargrave with a magic show on the way to a night of partying at the Oil City Roadhouse.

Some of the other date night prize packages include rock climbing with Richard Lam and Jamie Cavanagh, as well as doing trashy karaoke (their words, not mine) with

Joleen Ballendine and Chris Craddock.

Tickets to the auction performance on Jan. 21 are \$5 and only available at the door — they even have auction paddles for those interested in bidding.

The cast known for its youthful and unlimited humour performs at Varscona Theatre (10329 83 Avenue).

All the funds raised support the June 13-23 Improvaganza Festival.

For more information on the show or fundraiser, visit rapidfiretheatre.com

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Clouds in her copy

► Music biographer Stephen Davis finds 'there is more room in a broken heart' with his book on Carly Simon



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When Stephen Davis gave Carly Simon a first look at his new book, *More Room in a Broken Heart: The True Adventures of Carly Simon*, he enclosed a note.

"I sent her the galleys, you know, the uncorrected proofs, and I said, 'Carly, if you like this book, I haven't done my job,'" Davis reveals.

The veteran music writer was right. "I've talked to members of her family and they say that she is upset with the book, and it's not a good idea to get Carly Simon upset at you," says Davis. "On the other hand, it would have been an even worse idea to write a boring book about Carly Simon."

More Room is a far from boring account of the life of the iconic singer and her five-decade career, which is rife with huge hurdles of neuroses, great leaps in songwriting, and it features bizarre cameos by the most important personalities of her time.

A sampling from her youth: Pete Seeger was her kindergarten music teacher; Jackie Robinson played second base in family softball games; George Gershwin came over to hear how Summertime would sound with her mom singing; MLK and Einstein visited for lunch. Later in the book, Marvin Gaye comes onto her, Jeremy Irons has a controversial cameo (see Irons in the fire, right, for more on that) and she gets Mick Jag-

"It would have been an even worse idea to write a boring book about Carly Simon."

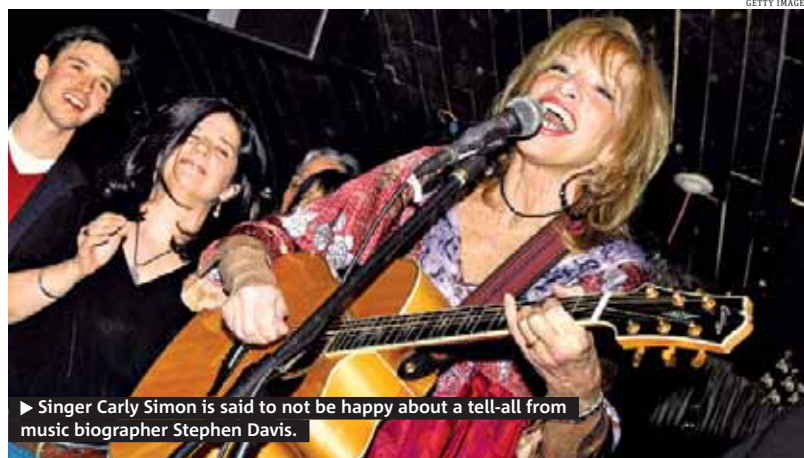
STEPHEN DAVIS

ger to sing on her biggest hit.

A 'did they?/didn't they?' theme recurs throughout the book.

She also enjoys romances with Cat Stevens, Kris Kristofferson, Warren Beatty, lots of drummers, and most notably, she endures a decade-long marriage to James Taylor that saw fire and rain.

"I think she feels that the book is too revealing," says Davis, who usually drops at least one big bombshell with every mu-



► Singer Carly Simon is said to not be happy about a tell-all from music biographer Stephen Davis.

sical biography he writes, including previous subjects Led Zeppelin, Michael Jackson and Aerosmith. And Simon has been publicly making her displeasure with the book known through various outlets, but the way Davis sees it, if she's providing free advertising, nobody does it better.

"If she would just be quiet," he muses, "you know, you can't buy the publicity that she's giving this book."

Irons in the fire

► In *More Room*, Davis discloses that in 1984, actor Jeremy Irons cheated on his wife with Carly Simon and got the singer pregnant. She underwent an abortion, which she said was 'still a terrible source of pain and guilt.' "No one ever put that together before because it was very quiet ... but she told me about that," says Davis.

"And I asked her about that in July and I said, 'Look, I'm going to publish this.' We had been talking about Jeremy Irons and I said, 'What about him getting you pregnant?' There was this terrible silence. And then she goes, 'How did you know that?' And I said, 'Well, you told me five years ago when I was doing the Reflections liner notes.' She then said, 'Well, I won't deny it.'"

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Is Khloe really a Kardashian?

► Report claims that Kardashian patriarch had doubts she was his daughter

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When one gazes at the Kardashian sisters (as we often do, since they are more omnipresent than Starbucks), do you ever think, "Hmmm ... Which of these things is not like the other?"

If you, too, think Khloe Kardashian doesn't resemble her famous sisters, you aren't the only one — Kris

Jenner has had to squelch rumours of her paternity for years. But now Robert Kardashian's ex-wife and widow have come forward in a Star magazine exclusive in which they both claim that the late Kardashian expressed his doubts that he was indeed the father of Khloe.

"Khloe is not his kid — he told me that after we got married," Jan Ashley, 63, the woman who married Robert after Kris Jenner, revealed to Star.

"He just kind of looked at me and said (it) like it was a matter of fact. He said, 'Well, you know that



► Khloe Kardashian

Khloe's not really a Kardashian, don't you?" And I said ... 'OK,' and that was it."

But that's not all. Ellen

Kardashian, 63, who married Robert in 2003 just two months before his death, says she has her doubts as well.

"Khloe brought it up all the time," Ellen told Star. "She looked nothing like the rest. She was tall, had a different shape, light hair, curly hair. Didn't look anything like the other three children."

Whatever you do, Khloe, never, ever take a DNA test. For now, you get the best of both worlds: A cut of the Kardashian empire without having to be biologically related to them.

Bad week gets worse for Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay Lohan isn't having a great week.

First off, the IRS has reportedly obtained a lien against Lohan for \$93,701.57 for failure to pay her federal income tax for 2009, according to TMZ.

And now the troubled actress is being sued by a paparazzo who claims he was injured while being struck by Lohan's car while she

was leaving a club in 2010, according to Hollyscoop.

Lohan wasn't driving the car, but Balyan's lawyer, Neil Steiner, claims she's still at fault because the driver was operating under her instruction.

Steiner says they tried to settle with Lohan's insurance company, which made "an insignificant offer."

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Celebrity tweets



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Waited all yr+Finally I have time off, time 4 rest n quiet. Suddenly all the silence is being drowned by my thoughts! No sleep

@SteveMartinToGo



The more I think about it, "Lo and behold" would be great in rap vernacular. Going to make some calls.

Halle Berry is off the market

Halle Berry and Olivier Martinez are reportedly engaged, according to Us Weekly.

Berry, who has been married twice before, "had given up on being married, but she trusts Olivier," a source says. "He makes her feel safe. He's a keeper."

Martinez reportedly popped the question over the holidays with an emerald-and-diamond en-

gagement ring. The pair met in 2010 as co-stars on the film Dark Tide and started dating soon after. Berry was previously married to baseball player David Justice and singer Eric Benet, and she has a three-year-old daughter, Nahla, with ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubry.

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Halle Berry



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► Wildlife-inspired prints have become a second skin to trend trackers who can't get enough of their zebra minis and leopard coats ► We've picked out our favourite ferocious accessories to complement the most somber of outfits



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Upcycling goes upscale

► Leave your furnishing updates to the pros this year

Most savvy home dwellers like to take on DIY projects. But spending an entire

weekend working on a project that doesn't turn out can be frustrating —

and a waste of time and money.

This year, invest in your

furnishings by spending money on a professional to do the job right for you.

Re-framing

Nothing helps bring tired artwork up-to-date more than reframing.

- Replacing a cheap plastic gold frame with a flat, dark wood frame will modernize any piece of art and bring it into the next decade.
- **Tip:** You rarely take away the value of your art by reframing it. Also, by adding a more modern aesthetic to your art, you gain a new appreciation for it.
- **Cost** of having a 24 x 24-inch painting framed: \$75-400, depending on the style of the frame.

REUPHOLSTERING:

Got a classic-shaped upholstered piece that needs to take on a fresh look?

Trying to slipcover or reupholster it yourself is a daunting task — even for those who have sewing skills. So why not take it to an upholsterer?

Choose neutral-coloured linen or flannel fabrics to help give your furnishings a classic look and longevity.

If buying retro furnishings, do some research as to how the fabric (or leather) will wear. Go for lovely colours that are updated to today's neutrals.

Cost to have a chair reupholstered; \$350-1000, depending on your fabric choice.

REFINISHING:

Changing the stain colour of wooden furniture can help update it and give it a new look.

Stain colours have a fashionable life (reddish mahogany was big in the '80s; yellow pine in the '70s).

Choose dark walnut

stain colours to add sophistication to a golden oak or pecan-stained wood pieces.

Take it to a furniture refinisher (or look for budget options like refinishing schools) to get the look right.

Ask for a 'buffed wax' finish rather than the super-shiny shellac to make it look much classier.

Cost of having a dresser refinished: \$200-750, depending on the type of finish you'd like.

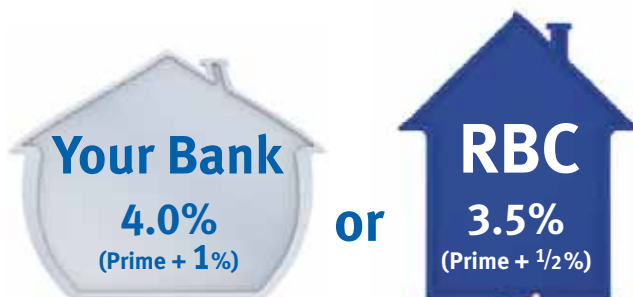
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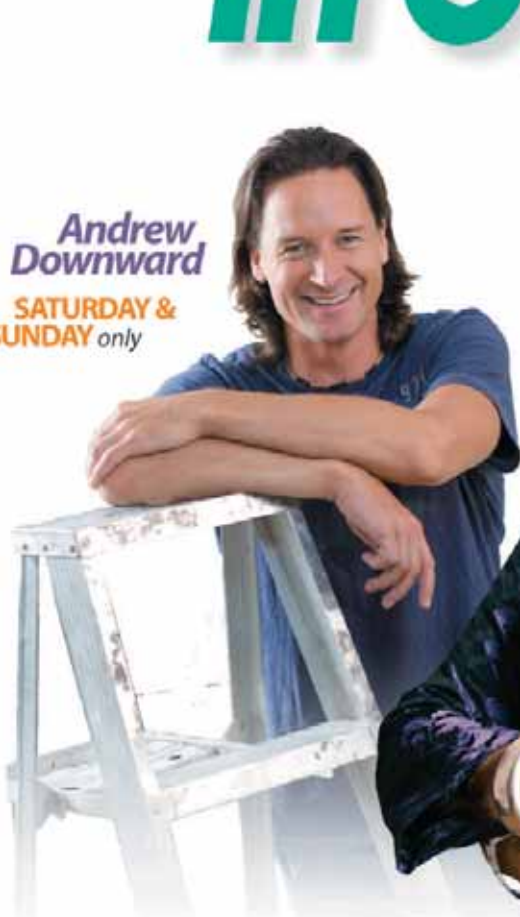
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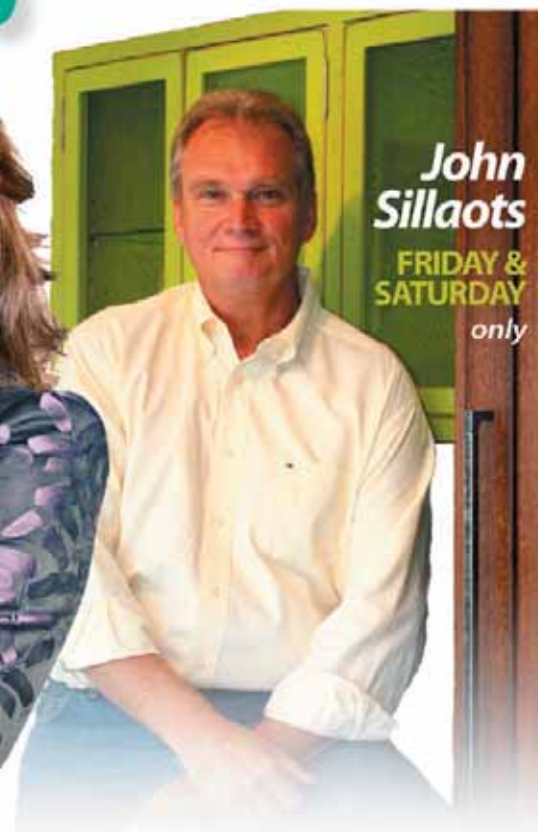
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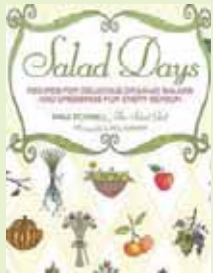


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Weekly
Cookbook

Salad Days: Recipes for Delicious Organic Salads and Dressings for Every Season by Pam Powell offers 60 colour photos, quaint illustrations, a salad basics chapter, and a resource guide to complement a fantastic collection of salad and dressing recipes.

With a focus on organic greens, cheeses, nuts, and fruits from local sources, these creative salads not only burst with flavour, they are good for you.

Recipes include: Apple and Roasted Beet Salad with Fruit, Nuts, Gorgonzola, and Watercress; Pecan-Crusted Goat Cheese and Micro Greens with Crisp Apple Maple-Brushed Crostini; Kale, Sausage, and Warm Potato Salad with Maple and Hickory-Smoked Bacon Dressing; and more

A look ahead to salad days

► While hearty stews and thick soups simmer on the stove, we're anticipating the refreshing salads of spring ► Get yourself in the mood with this Toasted Quinoa & Asparagus Salad

As an excellent source of vitamin C with naturally occurring sugars that energize the body, it only makes sense that incorporating citrus fruit into your breakfast is a simple way to ensure you start the day off right.

However, just because you begin the day with a healthy breakfast doesn't mean the good habits have to stop there. Including fruit, like Florida grapefruit, into the rest of your meals will help keep you feeling fueled until sunset.

While often seen as a morning food, grapefruits are finding new life away from the breakfast table. With some creativity, this healthy fruit can easily add zest to lunches and dinners. Try adding sliced Florida grapefruit to a salad or stir-fry.

Another way to include fruit into your afternoon and evening recipes is to use Florida orange juice. Although most commonly found in a glass next to a bowl of cereal, orange juice can find new life in a tangy salad dressing or in marinades for chicken, fish and tofu.

Florida orange juice can also be used in tandem



with other nutrition-rich foods to create the ultimate healthy meal.

Quinoa, a gluten-free grain that is high in magnesium, is landing on healthiest food lists everywhere. This recipe for a quinoa and asparagus salad can be topped with

meat or additional veggies for even more nutritional benefits.

Toasted Quinoa and Asparagus Salad Preparation:

1 In large deep nonstick skillet heat oil over

medium heat and cook onions and garlic for 3 minutes or until softened and fragrant. Add quinoa and toast, stirring for about 3 minutes or until fragrant and beginning to pop. Add orange juice and bring to boil. Cover and

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup (250 mL) quinoa, rinsed
- 2 cups (500 mL) Florida orange juice
- 1 cup (250 mL) chopped fresh asparagus
- 1 small orange bell pepper, chopped
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) chopped fresh basil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

reduce heat to low; simmer for 15 minutes.

2 Stir in asparagus and pepper; cover and cook for about 10 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Remove from heat and let stand for 5 minutes. Using fork, fluff quinoa and place in large bowl. Let cool slightly and stir in basil. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

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Canadian skier in coma after crash

Canadian freestyle skier Sarah Burke remained in an induced coma after suffering a head injury in a crash while training on a superpipe, officials said Wednesday.

The nature of Burke's injuries have not been disclosed.

In a statement released by the Canadian Freestyle Ski Association, a doctor at the University of Utah hospital said Burke "sustained serious injuries and remains intubated and sedated in critical condition."

Chris Nelson, assistant vice-president for public affairs at the hospital, said Burke was having surgery Wednesday afternoon.

Burke's husband, Rory Bushfield, and members of her family were with her.

She was airlifted from Park City, Utah, to Salt Lake City after crashing at the end of a training run Tuesday in advance of the Winter X Games in Aspen, Colo.

The native of Barrie, Ont., who grew up in nearby Midland before moving to Squamish, B.C., was training with a private group at the time of the accident. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Oilers fall in overtime

- Man-advantage in extra frame gives Parise chance to ice game for Devils
- Edmonton drops fourth straight ► Playoff hopes continuing to fade



► New Jersey's Ilya Kovalchuk scores over Edmonton goalie Nikolai Khabibulin's glove at Rexall Place on Wednesday night.

Zach Parise scored 1:06 into overtime as the New Jersey Devils won their third game in four outings with a 2-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Wednesday.

Parise took a feed from Patrik Elias while on the power play in the overtime session, snapping a puck into a wide-open net behind Edmonton goalie Nikolai Khabibulin.

Ilya Kovalchuk also scored and added an assist for the Devils (24-17-2) who jumped past Toronto into sixth place in the Eastern Conference.



Ales Hemsky replied for the Oilers (16-22-4) who have lost 11 of their last 13 games.

There were few chances at either end until midway through the first when Edmonton's Taylor Hall was sprung for a partial breakaway but was stopped by the Devils' Johan Hedberg.

The shots favoured the Oilers 9-4 in a fairly sedate scoreless first period.

New Jersey started the scoring eight minutes into the second when Kovalchuk picked off a Jeff Petry pass for a short-handed breakaway and beat Khabibulin high for his 17th of the season. It was the Devils' league-leading

11th short-handed goal.

New Jersey came close to taking a two-goal lead with three minutes remaining in the second when Elias tipped a shot through Khabibulin's legs, but the veteran goalie reached back to smother the puck.

Edmonton tied the game 1-1 over eight minutes into the third when Hemsky blasted a shot from the top of the faceoff circle on the power play to beat Hedberg for just his fourth of the year, eventually sending the game to extra time.

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Quoted



"You can't blame a season on one guy. I mean, come on. It's all unfair."

JETS DEFENSIVE LINEMAN MARCUS DIXON, DEFENDING HIS QUARTERBACK MARK SANCHEZ. THE DAILY NEWS QUOTED ONE PLAYER, WHO WAS NOT IDENTIFIED, AS SAYING SANCHEZ WAS "LAZY AND CONTENT." ANOTHER PLAYER SUGGESTED THE JETS SHOULD DO ALL THEY CAN TO TRY TO BRING IN COLTS QUARTERBACK PEYTON MANNING, IF HE'S HEALTHY, BECAUSE SANCHEZ ISN'T IMPROVING.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	40	27	9	1	3	118	83	58	13-5-0-2	14-6-1-1	9-1-0-0	W5
d-Boston	39	27	11	0	1	146	76	55	15-7-0-1	12-4-0-0	8-2-0-0	W1
d-Florida	42	21	13	4	4	109	116	50	11-4-1-4	10-9-3-0	4-4-2-0	W1
Philadelphia	41	25	12	2	2	139	122	54	10-6-1-1	15-6-1-1	5-4-0-1	W1
Ottawa	44	23	15	4	2	140	144	52	14-8-0-1	9-7-4-1	7-2-1-0	W2
New Jersey	43	24	17	1	1	119	124	50	11-7-0-1	13-10-1-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Toronto	42	22	15	3	2	135	131	49	12-5-2-2	10-10-1-0	6-2-2-0	W4
Washington	41	22	17	0	2	119	120	46	15-5-0-1	7-12-0-1	6-3-0-1	W1
Pittsburgh	42	21	17	2	2	124	112	46	11-8-2-0	10-9-0-2	4-6-0-0	L6
Winnipeg	42	20	17	3	2	112	124	45	14-6-0-1	6-11-3-1	5-4-0-1	L1
Buffalo	42	18	19	3	2	107	123	41	10-9-3-2	8-10-0-0	2-6-1-1	L3
Montreal	42	16	19	2	5	109	117	39	7-8-2-4	9-11-0-1	3-7-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	41	17	20	1	3	113	141	38	11-5-0-1	6-15-1-2	3-5-1-1	L4
NY Islanders	40	15	19	4	2	96	126	36	9-9-3-0	6-10-1-2	5-5-0-0	W1
Carolina	44	14	23	4	3	113	148	35	10-11-0-3	4-12-4-0	4-5-0-1	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	44	27	14	0	3	144	108	57	12-5-0-2	15-9-0-1	6-3-0-1	W1
d-St. Louis	42	25	12	0	5	110	89	55	17-3-0-2	8-9-0-3	6-3-0-1	W4
d-San Jose	39	23	11	3	2	116	94	51	14-7-2-0	9-4-1-2	7-1-1-1	L1
Chicago	43	25	13	2	3	139	125	55	15-5-1-3	10-8-1-0	4-5-1-0	W1
Detroit	42	26	15	1	0	135	99	53	15-2-1-0	11-13-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Nashville	42	23	15	3	1	115	115	50	12-7-2-1	11-8-1-0	6-4-0-0	W2
Minnesota	43	22	15	2	4	101	105	50	12-6-1-2	10-9-1-0	2-7-0-1	W1
Los Angeles	43	21	15	3	4	93	95	49	13-10-0-2	8-5-3-2	6-1-1-2	W1
Dallas	41	23	17	0	1	114	119	47	13-7-0-1	10-10-0-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Colorado	44	23	20	1	0	115	124	47	13-11-0-0	10-9-1-0	7-3-0-0	L2
Phoenix	43	20	17	3	3	109	111	46	8-8-2-1	12-9-1-2	3-4-2-1	L1
Calgary	44	20	19	3	2	109	127	45	12-5-1-1	8-14-2-1	5-4-1-0	W2
Edmonton	42	16	22	1	3	112	121	36	10-6-1-2	6-16-0-1	2-7-1-0	L4
Anaheim	41	13	22	2	4	104	135	32	10-12-1-0	3-10-1-4	4-5-0-1	W3
Columbus	42	11	26	1	4	101	142	27	6-11-1-2	5-15-0-2	2-7-0-1	L2

d = division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

New Jersey 2 Edmonton 1 (OT)
Washington 1 Pittsburgh 0
Tuesday's results
Calgary 6 New Jersey 3
Ottawa 5 Pittsburgh 1
Toronto 2 Buffalo 0
Vancouver 5 Tampa Bay 4 (SO)
Boston 5 Winnipeg 3
St. Louis 3 Montreal 0
Anaheim 5 Dallas 2
Chicago 5 Columbus 2
Minnesota 5 San Jose 4 (SO)
Nashville 4 Colorado 1
N.Y. Rangers 2 Phoenix 1 (SO)

N.Y. Islanders 5 Detroit 1

Philadelphia 2 Carolina 1
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Power plays (goals-chances) — New Jersey: 1-2; Edmonton: 1-5.
Referees — Dean Morton, Dan O'Rourke.
Linesmen — Brian Mach, Vaughan Rody.
Attendance — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

LATE TUESDAY

FLAMES 6, DEVILS 3

First Period
1. Calgary, Bouwmeester 2 (Iginya, Butler) 5:54
2. Calgary, Sarich 1 (Backlund, Bouma) 7:32
3. Calgary, Glencross 19 (Jokinen, Iginya) 13:12
4. Calgary, Brodie 2 (Bouwmeester, Glencross) 16:38 (pp)
Penalties — Salvador Nij (interference) 3:37, Henrique Nij, Iginya Cal (fighting), Glencross Cal (unsportsmanlike conduct) 13:53, New Jersey bench (too many men served by Boulton) 16:32, Wilson Cal (boarding) 18:47.
Second Period
5. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 16 (Henrique, Paris e) 14:48
6. Calgary, Stempniak 9 (Backlund, Glencross) 16:38
7. New Jersey, Henrique 13 (Paris, Larsson) 17:24 (sh)
Penalties — Boulton NJ, Jackman Cal (fighting) 1:39, Fayne NJ (delay of game) 17:14.
Third Period
8. New Jersey, Elias 15 (Kovalchuk, Foster) 6:04 (pp)
9. Calgary, Iginya 17 (Jokinen, Glencross) 8:49

Penalties — Iginya Cal (hooking) 5:52, Sarich Cal (hooking) 13:27, Zubrus NJ (hooking) 15:26, Zubrus NJ (interference) 17:39.
Shots on goal by
New Jersey 6 11 21 38
Calgary 8 3 3 14
Goal (shots-saves) — New Jersey: Brodeur (5-3), Hedberg (L11-7-1) (7:32 first; 9-5); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W19-14-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 1-4; Calgary: 1-5.
Referees — Brad Meier, Dean Morton. **Linesmen** Scott Driscoll, Brian Mach.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
H.Sedin, Vcr	11	39	50
Kessel, Tor	24	24	48
Giroux, Pha	18	30	48
Stankos, TB	29	18	47
Lupul, Tor	19	28	47
D.Sedin, Vcr	18	29	47
Ma.Hossa, Chi	17	28	45
Malkin, Pgh	17	28	45
Spezza, Ott	16	28	44
Eberle, Edm	17	26	43
Pominville, Buf	14	29	43
Datsyuk, Det	13	30	43
Toews, Chi	22	20	42
Backstrom, Wash	13	29	42
Benn, Dal	13	29	42
Selanne, Ana	14	27	41
Karlsson, Ott	6	35	41
Sharp, Chi	20	20	40
Vanek, Buf	19	21	40
Elias, NJ	15	25	39
Versteege, Fla	17	22	39
Tavares, NYI	14	25	39
Kovalchuk, NJ	17	21	38
Seguin, Bos	17	21	38
Parise, NJ	15	23	38
Ericson, Dal	14	24	38
P.Kane, Chi	10	28	38
Hartnell, Pha	18	19	37
Kopitar, LA	12	25	37
Neal, Pgh	21	15	36
Moulson, NYI	20	16	36

SKIING

FREESTYLE WORLD CUP

At Alpe d'Huez, France

Yesterday's results

Ski Cross

Men

1. Filip Flisar, Slovenia; 2. Christopher Delbosco, Montreal; 3. Lars Lewen, Sweden; 4. David Duncan, Golden, B.C.; 5. Conradin Netzer, Switzerland; 6. Jean Frederic Chapuis, France; 7. Nick Zoricic, Toronto; 8. Arnaud Bovolenta, France.

World Cup Ski Cross Standings

(after fourth of 11 events)

1. Brady Leman, Calgary, 213 points; 2. Alex Fiva, Switzerland, 195; 3. Egor Korotkov, Russia, 194; 4. Andreas Matt, Austria, 186; 5. David Duncan, Golden, B.C., 160.

Women

1. Sanna Luedi, Switzerland; 2. Marielle Thompson, Whistler, B.C.; 3. Andrea Limbacher, Austria; 4. Kelsey Serwa, Kelowna, B.C.; 5. Ophelie David, France; 6. Sami Kennedy-Sim, Australia; 7. Marte Hoeie Gjesfjell, Norway; 8. Julie Brendengen Jensen, Norway.

World Cup Ski Cross Standings

(after fourth of 11 events)

1. Sanna Luedi, Switzerland, 289 points; 2. Kelsey Serwa, Kelowna, B.C., 276; 3. Ophelie David, France, 200; 4. Marielle Thompson, Whistler, B.C., 187; 5. Andrea Limbacher, Austria, 172.

NFL

PLAYOFFS

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

All Times Eastern

Saturday's games

NFC

New Orleans (14-3) at San Francisco (13-3), 4:30 p.m.

AFC

Denver (9-8) at New England (13-3), 8 p.m.

Sunday's games

AFC

Houston (11-6) at Baltimore (12-4), 1 p.m.

NFC

N.Y. Giants (10-7) at Green Bay (15-1), 4:30 p.m.

LACROSSE

NLL

WEEK ONE

Sunday's results

Calgary 12 Toronto 9

WEEK TWO

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern

Rochester at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Calgary at Washington, 10:30 p.m.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

CARLING CUP

First Leg

Yesterday's result

Manchester City 0 Liverpool 1

PREMIER LEAGUE

Tottenham 2 Everton 0

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Birmingham 2 Ipswich 1

FRANCE

LEAGUE CUP

QUARTER-FINALS

Yesterday's results

Le Mans 0 Lorient 1

Lyon 2 Lille 1

Nice 3 Dijon 3

(Nice wins 5-3 on penalties)

ITALY

ITALIAN CUP

FIFTH ROUND

Yesterday's results

Roma 3 Fiorentina 0

Udinese 1 Chievo Verona 2

SPAIN

COPA DEL REY

ROUND OF 16 — SECOND LEG

Yesterday's results

Espanyol 4 Cordoba 2

(Espanyol advances on 5-4 aggregate)

Levante 4 Alcorcon 0

(Levante advances 5-2)

Sevilla 2 Valencia 1

(aggregate tied 2-2; Valencia advances on 1-0 away goals)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	10	2	.833	—
d-Miami	8	2	.800	1
d-Philadelphia	7	3	.700	2
Indiana	7	3	.700	2
Orlando	6	3	.667	2½
Atlanta	7	4	.636	2½
New York	6	4	.600	3
Boston	4	5	.444	4½
Cleveland	4	5	.444	4½
Toronto	4	7	.364	5½
Milwaukee	3	6	.333	5½
Charlotte	2	8	.200	7
Detroit	2	8	.200	7
New Jersey	2	9	.182	7½
Washington	1	9	.100	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	10	2	.833	—
Portland	7	2	.778	1½
d-L.A. Lakers	8	4	.667	2
d-San Antonio	7	4	.636	2½
Denver	7	4	.636	2½
Utah	6	4	.600	3
L.A. Clippers	4	3	.571	3½
Dallas	6	5	.545	3½
Phoenix	4	5	.444	4½
Sacramento	4	7	.364	5½
Memphis	3	6	.333	5½
Golden State	3	6	.333	5½
Minnesota	3	7	.300	6
Houston	3	7	.300	6
New Orleans	3	7	.300	6

d-division leaders ranked in top four positions

Last night's results

Sacramento 98 Toronto 91
Chicago 78 Washington 64
Dallas 90 Boston 85
Denver 123 New Jersey 115
Indiana 96 Atlanta 84
L.A. Lakers 90 Utah 87 (OT)
New York 85 Philadelphia 79
Oklahoma City 95 New Orleans 85
San Antonio 101 Houston 95 (OT)
Orlando at Portland
Miami at L.A. Clippers
Tuesday's results
Washington 93 Toronto 78
Houston 82 Charlotte 70
Philadelphia 112 Sacramento 85
Dallas 100 Detroit 86
Chicago 111 Minnesota 100
Oklahoma City 100 Memphis 95
Milwaukee 106 San Antonio 103
Utah 113 Cleveland 105
Portland 105 L.A. Clippers 97
Golden State 111 Miami 106 (OT)
L.A. Lakers 99 Phoenix 83
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Detroit at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

KINGS 98, RAPTORS 91

SACRAMENTO (98)

Salmons 3-7 0-0 6, Hickson 3-10 0-0 6, Cousins 6-11 9-11 21, Fredette 3-10 2-2 10, Evans 7-22 14-14 29, Thompson 0-1 0-0 0, Greene 2-6 1-2 6, Garcia 0-2 0-0 0, Thomas 6-12 5-5 20. Totals 30-81 31-34 98.

TORONTO (91)

Butler 1-5 0-0 3, Bargnani 2-13 6-6 10, A.Johnson 4-7 0-0 9, Calderon 5-12 1-1 13, DeRozan 5-9 3-3 13, Magloire 0-0 0-0 2, J.Johnson 0-4 0-0 0, Carter 0-2 3-4 3, Barbosa 11-18 0-0 24, Davis 3-4 0-0 6,

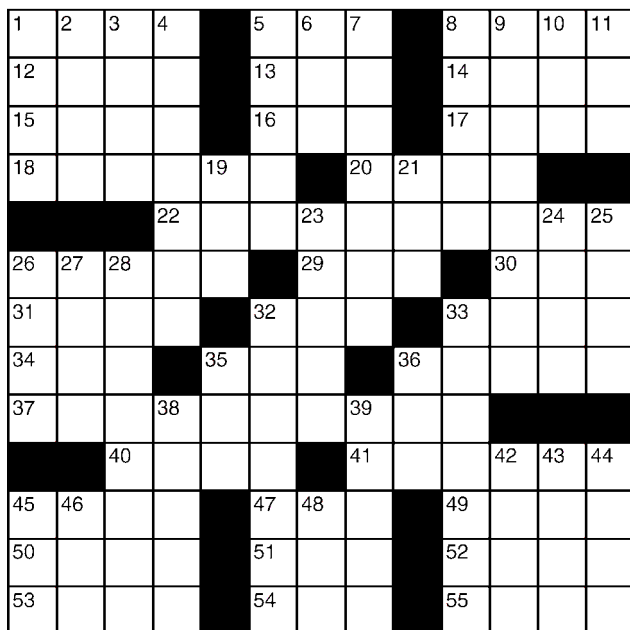
Crossword

Across

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5 Solo of "Star Wars"
8 Bang the door loudly
12 Troop group
13 Inseparable
14 Caffeine-rich nut
15 Swag
16 Twitch
17 Terrible guy?
18 Loosen a sneaker
20 Dandling locale
22 One way to quit
26 Ungainly
29 Cage piece
30 Born
31 Raw minerals
32 "See ya"
33 TV chef Cat
34 Have a bug
35 "Ualume" writer
36 Croc's cousin
37 Speak frankly
40 Transaction
41 Nerve tissue cell
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55 Do in

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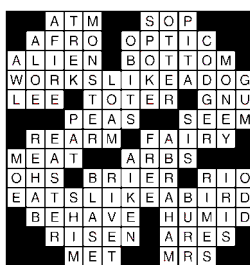
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2 Any time now
3 String instrument
4 Assaults
5 "Monopoly" building



- 6 Singer DiFranco
7 Cravat
8 Lindsey Vonn, for one
9 Entwined symbol of affection
10 — carte
11 Fellow
19 Demure
21 Gist
23 Laundromat machine
24 Architect Saarinen
25 Calendar quota
26 Capricorn
27 Met melody

- 28 "Bravo!"
32 Colorado city
33 Range horses
35 Sch. org.
36 "Gosh!"
38 Japanese fencing
39 Work dough
42 Roster
43 — podrida
44 Inquisitive
45 Equal (Pref.)
46 Automobile
48 Rage

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►



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V.T. Love is quite warm sensing, why are you saying it's complicated? I want to know something still confused. Let's meet some time. **LOST**

r. mendgen
I love you so much that you are engraved into my existence. When im with you i bask in the essence of who you are. Your love is like the sun, it wraps around me engulfing me in warmth. Happy valentines **RICARDO C**

treasure, You put up this strong manly exterior, but your eyes show me your in a lot of pain. You speak, but your not speaking with your heart. So next time when you see me take off your disguise and stop depriving yourself and your heart from what it deserves and speak 2 me from the heart. You too deserve to be happy! P.S I never thought of you as a quitter, more as a fighter.... **ME**

A look at the weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
☀ Min -6° ☀ Max -1°	☀ Min -1° ☀ Max 1°	☁ Min -4° ☁ Max 1°

Michele McDougall Weather Specialist

"My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes". **WEEKDAYS 5:30 AM**



Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

People come to you with their problems all the time. But at some stage today, you'll have to make it clear that enough is enough.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Ignore work problems until the Sun crosses the career angle of your chart on the Jan. 20.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

The Sun in Capricorn at this time of year tends to make life look gray. You have plenty to look forward to.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Go out and enjoy yourself today but watch how much you spend and who you spend it on.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

You may be spontaneous by nature but time spent planning today will not be time wasted.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22

Look for compromise solutions today. That might not be easy when everyone else seems to be looking for reasons to argue.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

No matter how secure you may feel in your current situation, you can sense that changes are coming.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Don't let anyone get away with saying things about you that are not true today. Stand up for yourself.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Make a point of telling a friend how much he or she means to you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Anyone who thinks you'll give up easily will learn the hard way today that Capricorns aren't quitters.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Just over a week from now, the Sun will move into your birth sign and a new solar year will begin. Conserve your energy, you'll need it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Someone you meet may be fun to be with but don't be foolish and trust him or her with personal information. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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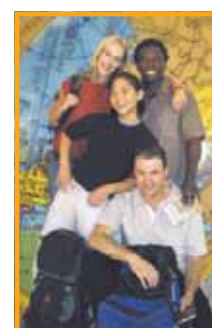
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